

# CHINA DECLARES WAR AGAINST GERMANY AND ALLY, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Nation With 400,000,000 People and Wealth of Resources Enters the Arena Against the Teutonic Powers By Formal Action; Chinese Legation at Washington Notified of Declaration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—The Chinese legation today received official notice that China had declared war against Germany and Austria-Hungary. The notification came by cable from Peking, this capital.

A dispatch received in this country from London brought the same news. It stated that Reuters, Ltd., had been officially informed that China had declared war on Germany and Austria-Hungary; the declaration dating from 10 o'clock this morning.

Notification Was Expected.

The notification was expected, as was the action of the Chinese government. Cable advice recently stated the intention to declare war had been approved by the Chinese cabinet. The new president of China approved the decision and the

# POPE URGES NATIONS TO END WAR; OUTLINES POSSIBLE PEACE TERMS

Suggests That Problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland Be Settled Peacefully; Entente Diplomats Believe Proposal Is Inspired By Germany With View of Splitting Entente on Aims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—An official outline of Pope Benedict's peace proposals received here today shows that the pontiff outlines some of the principles of world peace for which president Wilson has declared.

Among the pope's proposals are restoration of freedom of the seas and that there shall be no retaliatory struggle after the war for world commercial supremacy. These are regarded as the foundation lines of the pope's plan.

Restore Colonies to Germany.

Included in the restoration of territory, the pope's proposals should be returned to Germany of all her colonies as well as the complete restoration of Belgium to her sovereignty.

The pope's proposal declares that the nations to all belligerents have been in great degree should be no thought of restoration except for the return of territory.

The pope's proposal acknowledges that it has received unofficial knowledge of the pope's peace proposals before today's news dispatches were received here. No official comment can be taken of it until the proposal is conveyed officially. What ever consideration is given to it will be after consultation with the allies.

At the apostolic delegation all knowledge of the pope's proposal was disclosed. It was said the papal delegate had not transmitted it to the United States government and did not expect to do so. The opinion was expressed that it would come through a neutral government.

Believe It's a German Move.

Within the entente diplomatic circles the opinion was freely and promptly expressed that the pope's proposal was inspired by Germany and was an attempt to split the allies in a conflicting discussion of their war aims.

The extent of the state department's information does not indicate through what channel the proposal will be conveyed and gives no information.

# Food Saving Takes Queer Turn in Dallas

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 14.—In the fight to conserve food supplies, a Dallas restaurant has posted signs that molasses and hot cakes must not be eaten "over the top."

The sign says that any molasses left on a customer's plate after the consumption of an order of "wheat" will bring an extra charge on his check.

This restaurant has also adopted the rule of saving pennies in change, several items on the menu being priced in odd cents, an unusual thing in the southwest.

# John Barleycorn Is "Fine, Thank You"

Rumors of Death "Vastly Exaggerated"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—"Pretending to be dead," this story is told by John Barleycorn, rumors of whose death have been widely circulated during the recent heated struggle.

The rumors were "vastly exaggerated," as Mark Twain said on a similar occasion.

National prohibition, as an amendment to the food bill or as an emergency war measure, has been defeated.

Although the senate has passed a resolution for any constitutional amendment, that must go to the

# PART OF TEXAS TROOPS GO TO FRANCE; DIVISION OF GUARDS IS FORMED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—Plans for sending the first national guard troops to France have been perfected by the War Department with the organization of a division, which will include troops from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

The states from which the national guard troops are to be assembled are: Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon. The others come from the District of Columbia.

Gen. Mann to Command.

The commanding officer of the division will be Brig. Gen. W. A. Mann, of the regular army, now chief of the division of militia affairs of the War Department.

Complete 42nd Division.

Following is the War Department's announcement under the heading "Composite National Guard Division":

The following organizations of the national guard have been selected to comprise the 42nd division:

The following companies have been assigned:

Division headquarters troops to consist of the Second separate troop, Louisiana cavalry.

The division machine gun battalion No. 12 to be composed of the Third battalion, Fourth Pennsylvania infantry.

Two Infantry Brigades.

The infantry brigades to be numbered 82 and 84.

The 82nd infantry brigade to comprise the 15th machine gun battalion (composed of companies E, F and G, Second Wisconsin infantry), the 12th infantry, 16th New York infantry and the 16th Indiana (Fourth Ohio infantry).

The 84th infantry brigade to comprise the 13th machine gun battalion (composed of companies B, C and D, Second Georgia infantry), the 1st Georgia (Fourth Alabama infantry) and the 15th Indiana (Third Iowa infantry).

Brigade of Artillery.

The artillery brigade to be numbered 67th, comprising:

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# RAINS OF PAST WEEK WORTH A MILLION TO CATTLEMEN NEARBY

Range Will Be Put in Good Shape, Many Cattle Will Be Saved From Death and Owners Will Not Have To Ship to Other Pastures; Roof of Valley Inn Damaged; Good, Soaking Rain Falls Over City.

RAINS that have fallen in El Paso and surrounding territory the past few days have been worth a million dollars, according to stockmen. It had been dry so long that the range was in very poor shape. The rain will bring out the grass and save many cattle from dying, besides preventing the necessity of shipping many cattle out of the country. Many stockmen were planning to ship to pastures where the country had been more favored with rain, but the heavy fall of rain and the wide territory covered has put a new phase on conditions and assures good ranges in almost all the territory surrounding El Paso. The rains are easily worth a million dollars to cattlemen in El Paso and its immediate territory, it is asserted.

# VALLEY INN IS HURT BY WIND STORES FLOODED

Dining Room Roof Lifted; Residences and Trees Damaged By Storm.

The roof of the dining room of the Valley Inn, at Ysleta, was torn off by the hard wind that preceded a heavy rain Monday night, extending over the valley and city and lasting two hours in some localities. Mrs. I. A. Carr, proprietor of the Valley Inn, reported Tuesday morning that the roof was lifted clear of the walls. She said a residence owned by Dr. E. S. White in Ysleta and several others suffered damage to roofs. A number of large trees were blown down in Ysleta and several along the road to El Paso.

# Storm Wrecks 3 Tucson Homes, Causes 7 Fires and "Kills" 900 Phones

Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 14.—The late storm is believed to have been the worst ever locally known, though the damage done was not as heavy as indicated by the fact that the wind at times had a velocity of 75 miles an hour and the hailstones were of the "hen's-egg" size. Three homes were destroyed, owned by state senator J. W. Buchanan, H. E. Stewart of the Commercial National bank and Paul E. Meyer. Mr. Buchanan's home was in the storm to find that the wind had less than three hours. Many firms suffered heavy losses because of the high water flooding basement storage rooms. Among them the following losses are estimated: Ideal Dry Goods company, \$2,000; Sanders-Dorsey Drug company, \$2,000; Vorenson's, \$2,000; Elks drug store, \$1,000. Small losses were felt by I. A. Carr, proprietress of the Valley Inn, and the M. H. Goldberg company.

# Heavy Rain in History of City Does Severe Damage To Firms.

TAMPA, N. M., Aug. 14.—One of the heaviest rains fell in Tucuman and Quas county last night that this city has ever experienced. Over five and one-half inches of rain fell in less than three hours. Many firms suffered heavy losses because of the high water flooding basement storage rooms. Among them the following losses are estimated: Ideal Dry Goods company, \$2,000; Sanders-Dorsey Drug company, \$2,000; Vorenson's, \$2,000; Elks drug store, \$1,000. Small losses were felt by I. A. Carr, proprietress of the Valley Inn, and the M. H. Goldberg company.

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# BELL, SWIFT AND GREBE ARE MADE MAJOR GENERALS

200 OFFICERS ARE PROMOTED IN REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY

Kernan, Sage, Bundy and March Are Made Major Generals; Gen. Clement is Given Same Grade in the Federal Army; Cols. Nicholson, Beach, Martin and Michie Made Brigadiers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—221 Army today acquired three major generals and a number of brigadiers when the nominations of 200 officers were sent to the senate today by president Wilson. The nominations were in consequence of the expansion and reorganization of the army and were based on the excellent records of the officers in the service.

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